means of trial pits and borings. His next business was to collect the samples of the raw materials which appeared suitable for the ceramic industry and to send them to Madras for preliminary investigations such as the following:—

(1) to investigate the plasticity, contraction (wet to dry, dry state to the fired), porosity, colour after firing, study of the fracture, etc., with a view to find out whether the raw material could be used in the manufacture of ceramic goods;

(2) to see if the clay mixture works well on a potter's wheel for preparing jars and other articles usually made on the potter's wheel;

(3) to see if the clay is suitable for pressing in moulds;

(4) to see if the clay mixture could be used for casting hollow articles like tea pots, cups and the like;

(5) to study the effect of temperature on various clays and clay mixtures; and

(6) to build up a body and glaze to match it.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Expenditure on elementary education in Tindivanam, Tirukkoyilur and Chidambaram taluks.

* 140 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total amount of grant made by the Government to the taluk boards of Tindivanam, Tirukkoyilur and Chidambaram is for elementary education during each of the last five years;

(*b*) what the total amount of expenditure on elementary education by the said taluk boards is in each of the last five years;

(*c*) what the amount of grant made by Government is to each of the said taluk boards for Muslim education during the last five years;

(*d*) what the total amount spent by each of the taluk boards on Muslim education alone is in each of the last five years; and

(*e*) if the information is not with the Government whether the same will be called for and placed on the table ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information required is given in the statement [a] appended.

(*c*) The subsidies sanctioned for the opening of new Muhammadan schools during the last five years are shown in the appended statement [a]. The Government have no information as to the amount spent by the taluk boards

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 415–416 infra.

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on Muslim schools from the statutory contribution paid under the proviso to section 37 of the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information and do not propose to call for the particulars from the taluk boards.

Excise

Excise Sub-Inspectors.

* 141 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the 41 candidates selected for the Excise Department as Sub-Inspectors during December last were intended to be employed during 1932;

(*b*) how many of them have been appointed so far;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a period of training precedes that of appointment; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that candidates so trained are sent home to wait for their chances of appointment ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Will the hon. Minister call for the information and make it available to us? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" A report has been called for."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Will it be placed on the table of the House? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" After it is received, the hon. Member's suggestion will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Are the appointments made from the candidates selected every year or from the list of candidates already selected in the previous year and awaiting employment? What is the object of selection every year? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is a general question which I cannot answer without notice. It affects all services."

Medical Administration

Transfer of the District Medical Officer of South Kanara.

* 142 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Ganapathi Ayyar, the District Medical Officer of South Kanara, has been ordered to be transferred within about six months of his transfer to Mangalore;